REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered prior to examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Jackson

Registration No. 20,846

Date: December 30, 2004

Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP 2200 Ross Avenue, Suite 2200

Dallas, TX 75201-6776

Telephone: (214) 740-8535 Facsimile: (214) 756-8535